Widening of NHs in Uttar Pradesh

†1054. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for widening of the National Highways in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [AJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A length of 1569 kms. of National Highways in the State of Uttar Pradesh is being widened to 4 lanes under National Highway Development Project (NHDP). In addition, 57 km. length on other National Highways has also been taken up for four-laning, out of which 51 km. has been completed.

Driving training institutes

1055. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to open more training institutes like IDTR all over the country to give training of international standard in driving;

(b) if so, the budget to be allocated for the same;

(c) by when more institutes would be established throughout the country; and

(d) whether Government intend to make it mandatory for the people applying for fresh driving licence to be registered and trained in training institutes like IDTR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) and (b) During the Tenth Five Year Plan period assistance is being provided for setting up Driver Training Schools to meet the requirement of the country. The Tenth Plan allocation for the same is Rs. 24 crores.

(c) At this stage it is not possible to indicate the precise number of such schools and the time frame by which these would be established.

(d) It is up to the respective State Governments to take a view in the matter.

Funds for National Highways

1056. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Funds allocated for maintenance, repairs, Widening and other miscellaneous construction of National Highways to the States for the year 2002-03;

(b) the work in progress in all the States and the details of completion of the work;

(c) the funds used up by each State for the proposed work; and

(d) whether Government have any plan of increasing the funds in the forthcoming Budget?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) During the year 2002-03 an amount of Rs. 1606.98 crore and Rs. 683.60 have been allocated to the State Governments for development and maintenance of National Highways respectively.

(b) During the year 2002-03,520 number of development works were completed and 1144 number of works are in progress.

(c) Details are given in the Statement (See below).

(d) The budget for the next year is yet to be approved.